



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
MIKE STRAIN DVM  
COMMISSIONER



**LOUISIANA LIVESTOCK SANITARY BOARD MEETING**

**April 24, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
5825 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Henry Moreau at 9:07 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Dr. Henry Moreau.

Members present: Van Bennett, Giles Brown, Lennie "Timmie" Crawford, Jr., Russ Danzy, Craig Fontenot, DVM, Maxwell Lea, Jr., DVM, Ken Matherne, Law Ponder, T.B. Porter, Butch Racca, Eugene Robertson, David Savoy, and Rayburn Smith

Members absent: Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM, Neal McFadden and Tim Veillon

A quorum was present.

Others present: Richard Hart, LDAF Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Brent Robbins, LDAF Assistant Commissioner of Animal Health Services, Dr. Henry Moreau, Director of Veterinary Health Division, Dr. Martha Littlefield, Assistant Director of Veterinary Health Division, Dr. Terry Conger, USDA-APHIS Epidemiologist, Dr. Stephen Scott, USDA-APHIS Acting Area Veterinarian in Charge

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion:** Mr. Eugene Robertson made a motion to appoint Dr. Maxwell Lea, Jr. as Chairman of the Livestock Sanitary Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. T.B. Porter and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Mr. Rayburn Smith made a motion to appoint Mr. Van Bennett as Vice Chairman of the Livestock Sanitary Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. T.B. Porter and passed unanimously.

**DESIGNATION OF STAFF**

**Motion:** Dr. Maxwell Lea, Jr. made a motion to appoint Dr. Henry Moreau as the Director of the Livestock Sanitary Board and the Louisiana State Veterinarian. This motion was seconded by Mr. T.B. Porter and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Dr. Maxwell Lea, Jr. made a motion to appoint Dr. Martha Littlefield as the Assistant Director of the Livestock Sanitary Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. T.B. Porter and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. T.B. Porter made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giles Brown and passed unanimously.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Henry Moreau recognized Mr. Richard Hart, Deputy Commissioner and Dr. Brent Robbins, Assistant Commissioner of Animal Health Services.

## **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Mr. Giles Brown requested to amend the agenda to include Equine Infectious Anemia testing at auction markets to be changed from 6 months to 1 year.

**Motion:** Mr. T.B. Porter made a motion to add this to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Bennett and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Henry Moreau gave an overview of the duties the Livestock Sanitary Board is responsible for and the duties of the Veterinary Health Division.

Dr. Terry Conger gave an update of program diseases. The following diseases were included in the update: Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Pseudorabies Virus, Chronic Wasting Disease, Avian Influenza, and Equine Infectious Anemia.

Dr. Henry Moreau gave an update on the Mycoplasma Mastitis program. He also informed the board of a recent diagnosis of Malignant Catarrhal Fever in the state, which is a Foreign Animal Disease.

At 10:50 a.m., 10 minute recess was called by Dr. Henry Moreau.  
The meeting was called back to order with a quorum present.

Dr. Martha Littlefield informed the board of the proposed changes to Title 3 if they pass through the present legislative session. She also asked for authorization of the proposed changes to Title 7.

**Motion:** Mr. Eugene Robertson made a motion to authorize the changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. T.B. Porter and passed unanimously.

Dr. Henry Moreau gave an overview of the future of Brucellosis testing in Louisiana. He included the proposed recommendations to the Brucellosis testing program provided by the industry committee composed of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Louisiana Cattlemen's Association and Louisiana Livestock Marketing Association.

**Motion:** Dr. Maxwell Lea, Jr. made a motion to task the Veterinary Health Division with beginning the changes to Title 7 to reflect these recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rayburn Smith and passed unanimously.

Dr. Henry Moreau and Dr. Maxwell Lea, Jr. consulted after reading the regulations and informed the Livestock Sanitary Board that they believe the Equine Infectious Anemia regulations already state that testing is 1 year and not 6 months for sale of equine at auction markets. However, Dr. Henry Moreau asked the board to allow him some time to consult with Mr. Marvin Montgomery to ensure he is interpreting the regulations correctly.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **CITIZENS INPUT**

None.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

Dr. Henry Moreau requested that the Livestock Sanitary Board not set a date for a future meeting to allow time to have the proposed changes in order before the next meeting.

Mr. Van Bennett requested to have future meetings moved from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. to allow for more travel time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Eugene Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Giles Brown and passed unanimously.